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PLAGIARISM IN FUNGUS RESEARCH EXPOSED

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Tat'yana Alekseyevna Nikitina, a young hospital physician at the Kiev Scientific Research Dermato-Venereological Institute, undertook the task of studying the fungus which attacks inhabitants of the Eastern regions of the Ukraine. She was able to determine the presence of 433 different types of fungus growths among people of this region. Nikitina realized the importance of her work and was happy that her studies were in accordance with recent directives from the Ministry of Public Health, Ukrainian SSR. She hoped to broaden her field of study and wrote her candidate's thesis. This work had to be approved by Prof S. A. Ginkherson, head of the dermatological department of the Institute.

Tat'yana's work was never published. Prof Glushchenko forced her to rewrite her work according to his dictates and then had her research published under his name. Tat'yana informed the Party Secretary at the Institute of what had occurred. He in turn informed the Director of the Institute.

This apparently is not the only case of plagiarism of which Glusherson is guilty. Not too long ago he took over research done by Tsvak and Man'shkov and had this published under his own name.

The actions of this man are known to everyone in the Institute and yet his presence is tolerated. He has failed in his duty to train new and young personnel. He has not published one word of original research in the past few years. One who steals from young students instead of adding to their scientific knowledge is of no credit to the Party. The Institute would be better off without him.

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